

II. Election of Species Requirement

Further in response to the election of species requirement issued in the April 28, 2003, Office Action, which was clarified in the January 15, 2004, Office Action, Applicants elect, with traverse, a polymer of formula II, wherein;

A₁ equals A₂, which are both derived from a monomer A1-XH, which is a monoalcohol with linear or branched alkyl chains having 1 to 80 carbon atoms;

OC-NH-R-NH-CO is derived from a diisocyanate monomer: 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate; and

X-D-X is derived from a monomer, H-X-D-X-H, which is chosen from a dimer diol having 36 carbon atoms.

Applicants continue to respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction/election requirement for the reasons of record.

If the Examiner needs any further information in response to this requirement, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone for prompt resolution.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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